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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

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Jeff Robinson  
Branch Chief, Air Permitting, Monitoring, and Grants  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6  
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Dallas, TX 75270

Subject: Initial Notification of a Potential Exceptional Event

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter serves as formal notification that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will develop and submit a demonstration to exclude 2020 PM<sub>10</sub> air monitoring data influenced by an exceptional event pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51. This demonstration will address the following high-wind dust event which occurred on December 23, 2020 at sites 481410057 (Socorro Hueco) and 4811410038 (El Paso Mimosa) for parameter 81102 (PM<sub>10</sub>):

Date	Monitor	Type of Event	AQS Flag*	Exceedance Concentration
December 23, 2020	481410057	High Winds	RJ	194.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
December 23, 2020	481410038	High Winds	RJ	320.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

*\*currently entered in AQS as Informational Flag 'IJ - High Winds'*

The data requested for exclusion have regulatory significance and affect the regulatory determination concerning the portions of El Paso County in which the air monitoring sites are located. The Socorro Hueco monitoring site falls outside the area officially designated as Nonattainment by the EPA for the 1987 PM<sub>10</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The El Paso Mimosa site is located within this area. The TCEQ looks forward to working with EPA Region 6 to establish a time frame for the demonstration.

If you need any additional information, please contact Daphne McMurrer at [Daphne.McMurrer@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Daphne.McMurrer@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Huff".

Donna F. Huff, Deputy Director  
Air Quality Division

cc: Frances Verhalen, P.E., EPA R6 Air Monitoring & Grants Section Chief